

- It is recommended that the strength of the force be increased and the length of duty hours shortened.
- To maintain a high level of proficiency on the force, it is recommended that a training program be planned. A correspondence course such as the one offered by the International City Managers' Association could be included in the program. The International Association of Chief's of Police recommends the following training periods which should be used as a guide for the local force:
 1. For recruits, a minimum of four weeks of training between appointment and assignment.
 2. For regular officers, a minimum of 48 hours of refresher course each year.
- It is recommended that a library of fundamental books dealing with police work be established.
- Since there is no specialization of the force, it is recommended that a committee of citizens be formed to work with the Police Department to provide guidance and counseling for juvenile offenders.

PROTECTION SERVICES IN THE FRINGE AREA

Police protection in the unincorporated part of the planning area is the responsibility of Rockingham County Sheriff's Department. In addition to the protective services provided by the county, there is a well-organized, equipped, and trained volunteer Rescue Squad in the Tri-City area.